

The second group of Municipal Official Perfins are those used by the County Council. The forerunner of the Council was the Metropolitan Board of Works, which was set up in 1855. This Body used stamps perforated "MBW" and these are to be found on the 1d plates issues (SG 43) and the small formal ½d plates issues (SG 48). The earliest example I have seen is the SG 43 plate 110 so this is almost certainly one of Slopers earliest original designs. In 1889 the Metropolitan Board of Works was replaced by the London County Council. This Body used a number of perfin designs. The first design is "cLc" (the identity of City of London Council in the Tomkins Catalogue is in error). It is known on various stamps from SG 172 to 374 and as such it was in use concurrently with the second group of designs. The second group has the letters "LCC" in various arrangements. The first is "L.C/C" and it is known on SG 172. This was soon replaced with a single line "L.CC" which is known from SG 351 to 459. (I would be interested to hear of usage between SG 172 and SG 351). King George VI issues saw the use of these initials without the stop. This was used until the London County Council was replaced by the Greater London Council in 1964. This Body used the design "GLC" and "G/L/C" which must be amongst the most common of perfins. It is found on Queen Elizabeth Wilding issues as well as both sterling and decimal Machin issues in large and small hole types. Page 8 of this issue shows that even in these common perfins "new" discoveries can still be made.

